

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2361, Department of the Interior Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7543–S7645

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1327–1338, S.J. Res. 20, and S. Res. 184. **Pages S7613–14**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2006”. (S. Rept. No. 109–95)

S. 1307, to implement the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement. **Page S7613**

Measures Passed:

Congresswoman Shirley A. Chisholm Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 571, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1915 Fulton Street in Brooklyn, New York, as the “Congresswoman Shirley A. Chisholm Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S7550–51**

Boone Pickens Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 775, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 W. 7th Street in Holdenville, Oklahoma, as the “Boone Pickens Post Office”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S7550, S7551**

Brian P. Parrello Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 904, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1560 Union Valley Road in West Milford, New Jersey, as the “Brian P. Parrello Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S7550, S7551**

Dalip Singh Saund Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 120, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 30777 Rancho California Road in Temecula, California, as the “Dalip Singh Saund Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S7550, S7551**

Sergeant First Class John Marshall Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 289, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8200 South Vermont Avenue in Los Angeles, California, as the Sergeant First Class John Marshall Post Office Building, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S7550, S7551**

Arthur Stacey Mastrapa Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 324, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 321 Montgomery Road in Altamonte Springs, Florida, as the “Arthur Stacey Mastrapa Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S7550, S7551**

Ray Charles Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 504, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4960 West Washington Boulevard in Los Angeles, California, as the “Ray Charles Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S7550, S7551**

Linda White-Epps Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 627, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 40 Putnam Avenue in Hamden, **Pages S7550, S7551**

Connecticut, as the “Linda White-Epps Post Office”, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S7550, S7551**

Sergeant Byron W. Norwood Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1001, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 South Heatherwilde Boulevard in Pflugerville, Texas, as the “Sergeant Byron W. Norwood Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S7550, S7551**

Judge Emilio Vargas Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1072, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 151 West End Street in Goliad, Texas, as the “Judge Emilio Vargas Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S7550, S7551**

Francis C. Goodpaster Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1082, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 East Illinois Avenue in Vinita, Oklahoma, as the “Francis C. Goodpaster Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S7550, S7551**

Mayor Tony Armstrong Memorial Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1236, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 750 4th Street in Sparks, Nevada, as the “Mayor Tony Armstrong Memorial Post Office”, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S7550, S7551**

Captain Mark Stubenhofer Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1460, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6200 Rolling Road in Springfield, Virginia, as the “Captain Mark Stubenhofer Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S7550, S7551**

Ed Eilert Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1524, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12433 Antioch Road in Overland Park, Kansas, as the “Ed Eilert Post Office Build-

ing”, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S7550, S7551**

Honorable Judge George N. Leighton Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1542, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 695 Pleasant Street in New Bedford, Massachusetts, as the “Honorable Judge George N. Leighton Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S7550, S7551**

Floyd Lupton Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2326, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 614 West Old County Road in Belhaven, North Carolina, as the “Floyd Lupton Post Office”, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S7550, S7551**

Department of the Interior Appropriations: By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. 168), Senate passed H.R. 2361, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7551-97**

Adopted:

By 57 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 161), Burns Amendment No. 1068, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a review of all third-party intentional human dosing studies to identify or quantify toxic effects. **Pages S7752-60**

By 60 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 162), Dorgan (for Boxer) Amendment No. 1023, to prohibit the use of funds by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, consider, or rely on third-party intentional dosing human studies for pesticides or to conduct intentional dosing human studies for pesticides. **Pages S7552-61**

Dorgan (for Sarbanes) Amendment No. 1046, to provide for a study of the feasibility of designating the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Watertrail as a national historic trail. **Pages S7585-87**

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 165), Santorum Amendment No. 1071 (to Amendment No. 1052), to provide additional funding for medical services provided by the Veterans Health Administration. **Pages S7569-83, S7586-87**

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 166), Byrd (for Murray) Amendment No. 1052, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, for the Veterans Health Administration. **Page S7587**

Rejected:

By 39 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 164), Sununu/Bingaman Amendment No. 1026, to prohibit the use of funds to plan, design, study or construct certain forest development roads in the Tongass National Forest.

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Withdrawn:

Kyl Amendment No. 1050, to modify the formula for the allotment of grants to States for the establishment of State water pollution control revolving funds.

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During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 47 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 163), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Dorgan Amendment No. 1025, to require Federal reserve banks to transfer certain surplus funds to the general fund of the Treasury, to be used for the provision of Indian health care services. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would provide spending in excess of the subcommittee's 302(b) allocation was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 60 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 167), two-thirds of those Senators voting, a quorum being present, not having voted in the affirmative, the motion to suspend paragraph 4 of Rule XVI to consider Dorgan Amendment No. 1059, to facilitate family travel to Cuba in humanitarian circumstance, was not agreed to. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order against the amendment, as being in violation of Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate which prohibits legislation on appropriations matters, and the amendment thus fell.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Burns, Stevens, Cochran, Domenici, Bennett, Gregg, Craig, Allard, Dorgan, Byrd, Leahy, Reid, Feinstein, Mikulski, and Kohl.

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CAFTA Implementation: By 61 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 169), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1307, to implement the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement, and Senate then began consideration of the bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 30, 2005, provided that there then be 16 hours of debate remaining under the statute with the time equally divided; further, that

the time on the Democratic side be divided with 5 hours under the control of Senator Dorgan and 3 hours under the control of Senator Baucus.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting a report, pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, an executive order that takes additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994, amending Executive Order 12938 and Executive Order 13094 of July 28, 1998 by blocking property of weapons of mass destruction proliferators and their supporters; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–16)

Pages S7611–12

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

A.J. Eggenberger, of Montana, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2009.

Keith E. Eastin, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Kim Kendrick, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Patrick M. O'Brien, of Minnesota, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, Department of the Treasury.

Robert M. Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

Karen P. Hughes, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy, with the rank of Ambassador.

Kristen Silverberg, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Organization Affairs).

Robert A. Mosbacher, of Texas, to be President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

James Cain, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to Denmark.

Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

Ronald E. Meisburg, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board for a term of four years.

Terrell Halaska, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Department of Education.

Peter Schaumber, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for a term of five years expiring August 27, 2010.

John O. Agwunobi, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Ronald E. Meisburg, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2008, which was sent to the Senate on January 24, 2005.

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Record Votes: Nine record votes were taken today. (Total—169)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:41 p.m. until 9 a.m., on Thursday, June 30, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S7644–45.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs approved for full Committee consideration proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of State and foreign operations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of General Peter Pace, USMC, for reappointment to the grade of gen-

eral and to be Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, who was introduced by Senator Nelson (FL), Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, who was introduced by Senator Clinton, General T. Michael Moseley, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff of the Air Force, who was introduced by Senator Cornyn, Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, who was introduced by Senator Allen, Daniel R. Stanley, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Roberts and former Senator Bob Dole, and James A. Rispoli, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

GUANTANAMO BAY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding detention operations and interrogation procedures at Guantanamo Bay from Brigadier General Jay Hood, USA, Commanding General, Joint Task Force—Guantanamo Bay.

SEVERE WEATHER

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Disaster Prevention and Prediction concluded a hearing to examine national weather service issues, focusing on the Federal role in researching, forecasting, and warning the public about hurricanes and tornadoes, after receiving testimony from Max Mayfield, Director, Tropical Prediction Center/National Hurricane Center, and Dennis McCarthy, Director, Office of Climate, Water, and Weather Services, both of the National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Asbury H. Sallenger, Jr., Oceanographer, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Doug Ahlberg, Lancaster County Emergency Management, Lincoln, Nebraska; Bill Walsh, WCSC Live 5 News, Charleston, South Carolina; Marc L. Levitan, Louisiana State University Hurricane Center, Baton Rouge, on behalf of the American Association for Wind Engineering; and Timothy A. Reinhold, Institute for Business and Home Safety, Tampa, Florida.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following measures:

S. 1307, to implement the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement; and